

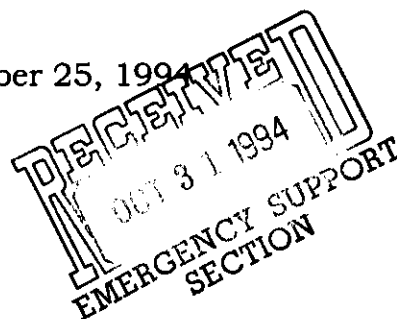
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**CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Linda Beasley
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Emergency Support Section (HSE-5J)
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60604

Re: Conservation Chemical Company of Illinois Site, Gary, Indiana

Dear Ms. Beasley:

This is in response to the General Notice of Potential Liability letter received by PPG Industries, Inc. (PPG) regarding the above-referenced site. While PPG is unwilling to solely finance or conduct the response actions described in that letter, PPG is willing to enter into discussions with other potentially responsible parties (PRPs) and U.S. EPA to jointly address such activities. In that regard, PPG plans to attend the meeting for the CCCI site which has been scheduled for Thursday, November 10, 1994. PPG is optimistic that this meeting will lead toward the resolution of this matter. As you may be aware, PPG contributed towards the cost of the response action conducted at this site in the mid-1980s.

PPG has also received a copy of the Generator Ranking Summary Report dated July 28, 1994. PPG strongly objects to the volume of waste attributed to it in that Report which apparently was derived from the 4/30/86 data base developed by EPA from transactional documents. PPG has submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the agency for the original documents that were used to compile this data base. However, PPG wishes to call to your attention several obvious errors in that transactional summary. Single shipments on 2/24/76, 6/8/76 and 6/11/76 are described as

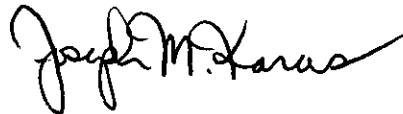
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consisting of 4900.00 drums, 5250.00 drums and 4100.00 drums, respectively. No truck is capable of carrying such a large number of drums. From the transactional data base it appears that 65-70 was a typical shipment of drums. Typical bulk shipments were between 4000 and 5500 gallons. Therefore, it is likely that these shipments were bulk shipments and that the data base erroneously categorized them as drums rather than gallons. The net effect of this error is to inflate PPG's alleged volume by approximately 770,000 gallons. PPG intends to comment on this and other apparent errors in the data base after we have had an opportunity to review the original documents which we hope to receive shortly in response to our FOIA request.

Please see that all future correspondence relative to this site is directed
to: Joseph M. Karas
Assistant Counsel
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If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph M. Karas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Joseph M. Karas
Assistant Counsel

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